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Dear Mr. Jaffe:

We are writing to add our support to the petition to ban the forced molting of layer hens. This cruel practice has already been banned by most European countries and should no longer be allowed in the U.S.

Chickens are not unfeeling creatures. I have had 3 chickens used for pet therapy at Children's hospital & elderly care homes. They are sweet & social.

Factory farming is a tortuous existence for these creatures. Adding forced molting is a torment beyond belief. If we must have factory farming, we owe it to the creatures to do it humanely. (We buy & support cage free eggs - so should you.) Thank you.

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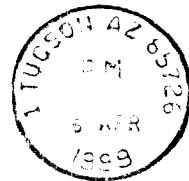
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